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# GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES, VETY. SERVICES, KRISHI-BHAWAN, TADONG (SIKKIM)

No.1/AH,L,F&VS

### NOTIFICATION

Whereas time and again the neighbouring State of West Bengal has been affected by Avian Influenza which has caused threat to the local poultry industry and has also affected the livelihood of the significant number of poultry farmers of Sikkim;

And whereas recently, there has been an outbreak of Avian Influenza in Murshidabad district of West Bengal as conveyed by the Government of India vide No.50-338/2010-LDT(AQ) dated 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2010:

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (I) of Section 3 of the Sikkim (Livestock and Livestock Products Control) Act, 1985, the State Government is hereby pleased to notify the following procedure, namely:-

- 1. No individual, organization, cooperative society, business enterprise shall be allowed to bring poultry and poultry products including day old chicks into the State of Sikkim under clause (a) of sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Act till further orders for any purpose except for M/s Denzong Agriculture Cooperative Society and M/s Sikkim Hatcheries Ltd., Bermoik, public sector undertakings and ICAR for research purposes who have been granted special permit/license.
- 2. The Veterinary Officer, Livestock Inspector, Livestock Supervisor and Livestock Assistant of the Animal Husbandry, Livestock, Fisheries and Veterinary Services Department are allowed to enter and search any premises or vehicle if it is suspected that provisions of the Act have been violated as required under clause (h) of sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Act.
- 3. In case if any person is found to be contravening the provisions of the Act or notification, any Veterinary Officer of the Animal Husbandry, Livestock, Fisheries & Veterinary Services

- Department shall seize the poultry and poultry product in the presence of two witnesses and issue seizure memo to the person concerned. After seizure, complain shall be made to the local police station under the provisions of section 15,16,17,18 and 19 of the Act for taking necessary action.
- 4. The Veterinary Officer shall take the sample from the seized consignment and will be sent to the designated disease investigation laboratory. If sample is found to be infected, consignment will be disposed as per the procedure laid down by the Government of India. In case consignment is not found to be infected then poultry being a perishable item, the same will be auctioned to the general public and revenue collected from this auction will be deposited in the government account Head 0403 AH, 800 other Receipts.

V.Chauhan, IAS Secretary :AH,L,F&VS